

## Comment Form

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Dear Sir/Madam: As one of the many affected by this rule, I would like to ask that this ruling be ratified by the Senate as soon as possible. While the United States has taken the admirable stance that they will not ratify this law until the necessary new processes are working or in place, this delay is causing some serious problems for people waiting to adopt a child. During the interim period, it would be very helpful if the federal government could provide some sort of "bridge" legislation for the thousands of people that are waiting for this legislation to pass. Since as we understand, the United States is going to ratify this legislation at some point - please consider putting "something" (I am not lawyer or politician - and I wish I could define "something" better) in place so that people waiting to adopt overseas can show/demonstrate to the foreign government agencies that the United States is moving towards true treaty ratification, that progress is being made, and that a high percentage of the ratification requirements and child protective covenants are already implemented in our federal, state, and municipal laws. Thank you for your help. I hope that something can be done soon. While I understand that changing government processes is not a trivial thing, families are counting on this to be finalized. It has gone on far too long.